

Requirements for the General Achievement Adult High School Diploma (GAAHSD)

A. Credit and assessment requirements for graduation with GAAHSD are as follows:

Discipline Area	Standard Units of Credit Required
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
History and Social Sciences	2
Electives	9
TOTAL	20

Assessment required: Achieve a passing score on the GED examination

B. Courses completed to satisfy the requirements in mathematics and science shall include content in courses that incorporate or exceed the content of courses approved by the Board of Education (board) to satisfy any other board-recognized diploma.

C. Courses completed to satisfy the history/social science requirements shall include one unit of credit in Virginia and U.S. History and one unit of credit in Virginia and U.S. Government in courses that incorporate or exceed the content of courses approved by the board to satisfy any other board-recognized diploma.

D. Courses completed to satisfy the electives requirement shall include at least two sequential electives in an area of concentration or specialization, which may include career and technical education and training.

E. Successfully completed an education and training program designated by the Board of Education; earned a Board of Education-approved career and technical education credential such as the successful completion of an industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, or the Virginia workplace readiness skills assessment.

F. The required number of standard units of credit may be earned by enrolling in:

1. A public school if the individual meets the age requirements;
2. A community college or other institution of higher education;
3. An adult high school program; or
4. Correspondence, distance learning, and online courses.

G. Diploma candidates shall participate in GED preparation.